

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON

Art Commission MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 23, 2011

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Arts Commission Members Present:

☒ Shelley Brittingham
☐ Donna DiFiore
☒ Andrea Reay
☒ Robbie Howell

☒ Shelli Park
☒ Michael O'Neill
☒ Chloe Bjordahl
☒ Debbie Thoma

☒ Virginia Wright

Staff Present:

Gina Kallman, Cultural Arts Supervisor

Guests:

Maureen Hoffmann, Resident

Minutes

Meeting called to order. Minutes are approved.

Special Presentation

Burien Arts—Burien Arts board members Linda Dougherty and Sybil Davis spoke about the possible upcoming programs by Burien Arts. The organization has existed since 1960 and hopes to find a space in Downtown Burien for a gallery in the next year with the help of Storefront Seattle. They have also been talking to Arts Corps about the possible collaboration to create a summer arts camp. Burien Arts plans to continue their Shakespeare in the Park program, do more grant writing, and continue to advocate for the arts.

BA has been meeting with Matthew Richter from Storefront Seattle about bringing this program to Burien. The program fills empty storefronts with art, galleries, or artists studios, and this would be their first project outside of Seattle. Storefront Seattle is excited about the possibilities in Burien! Storefront Seattle would utilize two empty storefronts-- one space being a gallery run by BA, the other a space run by Storefront Seattle that would showcase their roster of artists. The fee to bring Storefront Seattle to Burien would be \$6,600. Utilities, upgrades to space, etc would fall to Burien Arts, and they are hoping to make it happen by January 2012.

Discussion: Developing effective on-line communication for Arts Commission.

Virginia explained the communications tools that will be available to the Arts Commissioners in the next few months and how to use them. The hope is that these new tools will help uncluttered the commissioners e-mail boxes. The commission discussed e-mail, a new website (just for the commission) and a public Facebook page. The plan is to have Virginia maintain these sites. The website can be used to send out information, manage meetings, minutes, agendas; etc Shelley asked that that we look into public forum issues...what can be discussed via e-mail. These options could be very helpful for sharing resources. Virginia will send a password out in the next week.

AREAS OF FOCUS REPORT

Arts Education –committee to meet soon

Public Art—The commission discussed the Dollar Store mural project. At this time the owner of the Dollar Store building has been contacted and is interested in having a mural installed on the west wall. The owner is talking to the renter (Dollar Store) and will be in contact soon. Maureen Hoffmann spoke about getting more bike racks into Burien, especially artist designed bike racks. She is involved with a local bike group, the B-Townies, and this is a project they are working on. Gina will set up a meeting with the public art committee for Maureen to talk about possible funding for bike racks.

Arts and Economic Development— No report at this time. Shelley will talk to Donna about this committee and future plans.

Arts and Culture Grants—The interviews for the applicants will be September 13th. The committee will then take their recommendations to the Arts Commission at the September meeting. The approved recommendations will then be taken to the City Council for their approval.

LAA—Virginia and Shelley discussed the last LAA meeting. Storefront Seattle gave a presentation. There was an explanation of LAA and how they function. LAA is an organization run by 4 Culture of Local Arts Agencies and 4 Culture runs bi-monthly meetings that provide networking and information.

STAFF REPORT

Arts and Culture HUB—Virginia spoke about the Burien HUB that is being developed. The HUB will be a combination of web based communication tools to help spread the word about arts activities in the Burien area. This could include a website, Facebook, e-news, twitter, etc. The hope is that the project could be launched before 2012. This project will replace the Arts and Culture Guide.

The meeting was adjourned.